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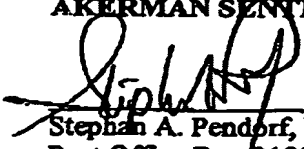
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**CLAMPING DEVICE FOR THE STEERING COLUMN OF A MOTOR VEHICLE**

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103 18 034.6	Germany	April 19, 2003	yes


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